

HOUSE BILL No. 1380

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-4-30.

Synopsis: Indiana family farm commission. Creates the Indiana family farm commission. Provides for administration and membership of the family farm commission.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 4-4-30 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
- 2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 3 1, 2001]:
- 4 **Chapter 30. Indiana Family Farm Commission**
- 5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the**
- 6 **Indiana family farm commission established by section 3 of this**
- 7 **chapter.**
- 8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "commissioner" refers to the**
- 9 **commissioner of agriculture.**
- 10 **Sec. 3. The Indiana family farm commission is established.**
- 11 **Sec. 4. The commission shall do the following:**
- 12 **(1) Study all aspects of family farming and the methods to**
- 13 **preserve family farms.**
- 14 **(2) Recommend policy initiatives to the governor that**
- 15 **encourage family farming. Recommendations made under**
- 16 **this subdivision may include the following:**
- 17 **(A) Appropriate legislation.**



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(B) The state's involvement in and recommendations regarding national family farming policy.

(C) Methods to improve the effectiveness of the state programs working to preserve family farms.

(D) Needed educational programs throughout Indiana to further the development of family farms.

(3) Develop a strategic plan for family farming preservation.

(4) Encourage cooperation among state agencies, federal agencies, and state educational institutions that administer programs concerning family farms.

(5) Increase family farm awareness throughout Indiana.

(6) Promote economical and environmentally sound agricultural production on family farms.

Sec. 5. (a) The commission consists of the following members:

(1) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

(2) One (1) member representing the Indiana development finance authority, appointed by the governor.

(3) Two (2) members of the senate, who may not be members of the same political party, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(4) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, who may not be members of the same political party, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(5) One (1) citizen member from each congressional district in Indiana, appointed by the governor.

(6) One (1) member representing the office of the governor.

(b) Each member of the commission who is a member of the general assembly is a nonvoting member.

(c) The governor shall appoint individuals as citizen members of the commission based on each individual's familiarity with family farms, agriculture, farm organizations, agribusiness, or agribanking.

Sec. 6. The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, serves as chairperson of the commission.

Sec. 7. (a) The citizen members of the commission shall be appointed by the governor for a term of four (4) years. Not more than five (5) of the citizen members may be members of the same political party.

(b) Legislative members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years. However, if a legislative member of the commission ceases to be a member of the chamber from which the member was appointed, the person ceases to be a member of the commission.



1 **Sec. 8. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the**
 2 **original appointing authority.**

3 **Sec. 9. (a) The commissioner shall provide the necessary staff**
 4 **and administrative support for the commission.**

5 **(b) The expenses of the commission shall be paid by the**
 6 **commissioner.**

7 **Sec. 10. The commission shall meet at the call of the**
 8 **commissioner or the commissioner's designee, but the commission**
 9 **must meet at least quarterly.**

10 **Sec. 11. Each member of the commission who is not a state**
 11 **employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by**
 12 **IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement**
 13 **for traveling expenses, as provided in IC 4-13-1-4, and other**
 14 **expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties,**
 15 **as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the**
 16 **department of administration and approved by the budget agency.**

17 **Sec. 12. Each member of the commission who is a state**
 18 **employee, but not a member of the general assembly, is entitled to**
 19 **reimbursement for traveling expenses, as provided in IC 4-13-1-4,**
 20 **and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the**
 21 **member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and**
 22 **procedures established by the department of administration and**
 23 **approved by the budget agency.**

24 **Sec. 13. Each member of the commission who is a member of the**
 25 **general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage,**
 26 **and travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study**
 27 **committees established by the legislative council. Per diem,**
 28 **mileage, and travel allowances paid under this subsection shall be**
 29 **paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the**
 30 **legislative services agency.**

31 **Sec. 14. The commission shall file a written report with the**
 32 **governor and the legislative council before December 31 of each**
 33 **year. The report must summarize the performance of the**
 34 **commission during the year and the plans of the commission for**
 35 **activity during the following year.**

36 **Sec. 15. The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting**
 37 **members appointed to the commission are required for the**
 38 **commission to take any measure, including the adoption of a**
 39 **recommendation or a final report.**

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